(d) and (e) The imports from G-8 countries increased during the last three years in response to the growing demand for capital goods and inputs required to sustain the upswing in manufacturing sector growth in India.

Price Stabilization fund for Growers of Tea, Coffee, Rubber and Tobacco

2301. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1090 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price stabilization fund to provide relief to the growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco in the times of depressed prices has been withdrawn; and

(b) if not, year-wise break-up of funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Funds released to provide relief to growers during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as follows:

2004-05	—	Rs. 91.565 lakh
2005-06	—	Rs. 130.965 lakh

Takeover of Administration of deep sea fishery sector by MPEDA

2302 SHRI V HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Marine products Export Development Authority if going to takeover the administration of the deep-sea fishery sector from Agriculture Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposals for transfer of this subject are pending with MPEDA;

(c) the date by which this transfer of subjects will occur; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.